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Tongsun Park Cites 5 Senators, Including Humphrey

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SEOUL, South Korea, Jan. 24—Tongsun Park has told Justice Department investigators here that he made financial contributions to at least five United States Senators in recent years.

One of the Senators named was former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, sources who heard the testimony said. The contribution was reportedly made to Mr. Humphrey's unsuccessful 1972 Presidential campaign, but the sources added that the South Korean businessman and lobbyist did not fully admit making such a payment and that Justice Department officials did not press him.

Though he appeared to be vague on whether he had made the contribution, the sources said, Mr. Park said he was certain that Mr. Humphrey had not known about it. There is apparently no evidence of wrongdoing on the part of any of the Senators named.

Well-informed sources said that Mr. Park, who underwent his 10th day of interrogation in the Korean influence-buying scandal today, confirmed earlier allegations that he had paid \$3,000 each to former Senators Joseph Montoya, Democrat of New Mexico, and Jack Miller, Republican of Iowa, and \$500 each to Senators Stuart Symington, Democrat of Missouri, and Harry F. Byrd, independent of Virginia. He reportedly did not dispute Mr. Miller's contention that he returned the money.

The inclusion of the late Mr. Humphrey was new and was understood to be based on cryptic notations made by Mr. Park in a private 1972 diary now in the possession of prosecutors. It was not immediately known if Mr. Park explained the noted numbers, 10 and five. But sources who heard the testimony said they were

left with the impression that a payment of \$100,000 by Mr. Park to Mr. Humphrey's campaign was "likely" and "probable."

Mr. Park's testimony in the last two days, which focused on his financial activities among senators, reportedly painted a picture of small-scale operations, in contrast to his earlier testimony that from 1970 to 1975 he disbursed \$750,000 in covert gifts and political payments to other American officials, including \$200,000 in cash to former Representative Otto E. Passman, Democrat of Louisiana.

Since that beginning, the questioning by the Justice Department team, headed by Paul Michel, has concentrated on "day by day, detail by detail" examinations of his financial dealings with Congressmen. The questioning, done in the presence of three Korean officials in a chilly 13th-floor corner room, of the downtown prosecutors' building, is interspersed with frequent sessions on a polygraph.

William Hundley, Mr. Park's American lawyer, has complained about the slow pace of the interrogation, which began Jan. 13 and may now spill over into next week. Mr. Hundley has announced that he would depart for Washington on Friday.

Daniel J. Swillinger, deputy special counsel for the Senate ethics committee, who has been sitting in on the sessions,

is also departing. He said, "Mr. Park has confirmed what we knew. We've heard some new stuff, mostly more specific details, precise dates and amounts."

Mr. Swillinger said he "generally believed" Mr. Park's testimony, although he still harbored "some suspicions."

The 42-year-old Mr. Park has agreed to testify here and at subsequent trials in the United States in exchange for the dropping of a 36-count indictment charging him with conspiracy, bribery, mail fraud and failure to register as an agent of the South Korean Government. Mr. Park strongly denies any Government connection with his lavish lobbying activities.

The alleged Humphrey contribution came to light in Mr. Park's diary, which Mr. Hundley surrendered to the Internal Revenue Service in a tax case last summer. Justice Department officials were said to have seen it for the first time just before their trip here.

Sources said the diary contains the notation "Morrison HHH" and the numbers 10 and five. It was not immediately known if Mr. Park elaborated on whether the numbers meant \$10,000 and \$5,000.

Following inquiries by The New York Times, John M. Morrison, a Minneapolis businessman who was a deputy campaign manager for Mr. Humphrey in 1972, relayed word through a secretary that he had "no knowledge of any contribution Mr. Park may have made."